

Motion on Writing Instruction in Middle Schools

Whereas an examination of the MCPS language arts curriculum by the College Board has noted an inadequate emphasis on writing, and

Whereas many parents in the school system are concerned that students are not learning as much grammar as they should, and

Whereas Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is currently engaged in Middle School Reform, and

Whereas the state of Maryland has minimum expectations for how many books students in middle school should read each year and could in the same way set minimum expectations for the amount of writing that students in middle school should be expected to complete each year, therefore be it

Resolved that the MCPS Department of Curriculum and Instruction, in consultation with MCCPTA and other stakeholders, set a minimum number of substantive writing assignments, with the expectation of the use of proper grammar and organization, that students be expected to do each year, and be it

Resolved that these expectations may be met in classes such as Social Studies and Science in addition to Language Arts.